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Bezirk Potsdam - Wusterhausen a.d. Dosse

1. In the HO retail stores in Wusterhausen a.d. Dosse there was no butter or sugar available. Fats and meats existed only in unsufficient quantities, and canned fish appeared very rarely.

Bezirk Dresden - Freital

2. As of 3 March 1955, only one-third of the total personnel of 104 persons at VEB Freitaler Muehlenwerke were working full-time; the other employees were receiving Wartegeld. The reason for this was a lack of grain for bread-making. On 7 March 1955, the VEAB was instructed to deliver to this plant 25 tons of wheat previously destined for planting purposes.
3. VEB Edelstahlwerk Doehlen and VEB Steinkohlenwerk employees were unable to purchase the necessary white bread required for their prescribed diet.

Bezirk Halle

4. The HO retail stores in this area were instructed that, as of 2 March 1955, butter would only be sold upon presentation of a doctor's certificate. This order was presumably given on 1 March 1955, because the Bezirksleitung of the HQ stores had not been able to draw any butter from the State Reserves since that date.

Bezirk Rostock, Kreis Bergen

5. The Kreis Bergen Council was made notified that the Kreis was lacking in supplies of seed stock, especially in summer wheat and summer barley. All attempts to obtain such seed stock from neighboring Kreise were fruitless. The Department for Agriculture of the Kreis Council also attempted, in vain, to obtain some stock from the Bezirk headquarters.
6. The Bezirk Council was supposed to alleviate the shortage of oat seed stock in Kreis Bergen, but had not been able to deliver any stock as of 10 March 1955. The deficit in this seed stock in Kreis Bergen amounted to about eight tons.

* Literally "waiting many long months"

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Bezirk Suhl

7. DHZ Kohle in Suhl was experiencing a shortage in lignite briquettes. During the month of February 1955, DHZ Kohle Suhl received only 75% of its allotment of lignite briquettes from VEB Braunkohlenwerk Espenhain. These briquettes were not sufficient to cover the requirements of the various VEBs in the area, such as VEB Ernst Thaelmann Werk I and II, VEB Tharinger Kugellagerfabrik - Zella/Mehlis, etc.
8. For some time, the industries in the Suhl area have been receiving two-thirds of their lignite allocations as crude lignite and one-third as lignite briquettes. However, as of March 1955, even delivery of the briquettes was no longer guaranteed. The SSD Bezirk office continues to receive its full allocation as before. The briquette situation ~~remains the same~~ in January 1955 where certain bakeries were forced to plan their ~~daily work~~ according to the supply of briquettes on hand.

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1. In the NO retail stores in Winterhausen a.d. Dosse there was no butter or sugar available. Fats and meats existed only in insufficient quantities, and canned fish appeared very rarely.

2. As of 3 March 1955, only one-third of the total personnel of 104 persons at VEB Freitaler Muehlenwerke were working full-time; the other employees were receiving Wartegeld.² The reason for this was a lack of grain for bread-making. On 7 March 1955, the VEBAB was instructed to deliver to this plant 25 tons of wheat previously destined for planting purposes.

3. VEB Edeltahlwerk Doehlen and VEB Steinkohlenwerk employees were unable to purchase the necessary white bread required for their prescribed diet.

4. The HO retail stores in this area were instructed that, as of 2 March 1955, butter would only be sold upon presentation of a Cooperator's certificate. This order was presumably given on 1 March 1955, because the discontinuing of the HO stores had not been able to draw any butter from the State Reserves since that date.

5. The Kreis Bergen Council was made notified that the Kreis was lacking in supplies of seed stock, especially in summer wheat and summer barley. All attempts to obtain such seed stock from neighboring Kreise were fruitless. The Department for Agriculture of the Kreis Council also attempted, in vain, to obtain some stock from the Bozirk headquarters.
6. The Bozirk Council was supposed to alleviate the shortage of oat seed stock in Kreis Bergen, but had not been able to deliver any stock as of 10 March 1955. The deficit in this seed stock in Kreis Bergen amounted to about eight tons.

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8. For some time, the industries in the Suhl area have been receiving two-thirds of their lignite allocations as crude lignite and one-third as lignite briquettes. However, as of March 1955, even delivery of the briquettes was no longer guaranteed. The SED Bezirk office continues to receive its full allocation as before. The briquette situation reached the point in January 1955 where certain bakeries were forced to plan their daily work according to the supply of briquettes on hand.

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